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## **Mayor-designee Sheila Dixon Appoints Rolley, Frank and Marriott to Top Positions in City Government**

*Dixon Fills Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor Positions*

Baltimore, MD (December 6, 2006) – City Council President and Mayor-designee Sheila Dixon announced today her plans to appoint three experienced Baltimoreans to manage the priorities and initiatives of her new administration. Mayor-designee Dixon selected Otis Rolley, III, as Chief of Staff and Andrew Frank and Salima Siler Marriott as her two Deputy Mayors for Neighborhood and Economic Development and Community and Human Development, respectively.

“In very distinct and tangible ways, Otis, Andy and Salima have each contributed greatly to the rejuvenation and growth of Baltimore City,” said Mayor-designee Dixon. “Together, they bring a comprehensive resume of experience that makes them uniquely qualified to quickly address the many opportunities and challenges facing Baltimore.”

Otis Rolley III most recently served as the Director of Planning for the City of Baltimore. As the Director of Planning, Rolley is credited with coordinating the City’s first Comprehensive Master Plan in almost 40 years. He also had the responsibility of preparing planning goals and objectives for the \$2.46 billion six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Under his leadership, the Department of Planning was reorganized to serve as a statewide model of effective, asset-based planning. Before serving as Director of Planning, Rolley served as the First Deputy Housing Commissioner for Baltimore Housing. There he was Chief Administrative Officer for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) and Chief Operations Officer of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). He has also worked with Empower Baltimore Management Corporation and the City of Jersey City’s Department of Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce.

“Otis has managed to combine enthusiasm with accountability in the most unlikely areas of municipal government. Now, that rare combination will extend from City Hall to all areas of my administration,” stated Dixon.

Andrew Frank is currently Executive Vice President of the City of Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC), serving under the leadership of M.J. “Jay” Brodie. As Executive Vice President, Frank supervises various teams responsible for the following functions: business and real estate development liaison services, business retention, urban design and planning, brownfields, financial analysis, foreign trade zone, commercial revitalization, and technology development. In May 2004, Mayor O’Malley appointed Frank to the position of Inner Harbor

Coordinator, expanding his current responsibilities as the BDC's Executive Vice President. As Inner Harbor Coordinator, Frank chairs the intra-agency Inner Harbor Task Force, oversees leases with operators of Inner Harbor attractions, and manages major capital projects such as the renovation of the West Shore Park.

“With his comprehensive understanding of the nuances of business and economic development as they relate to Baltimore, Andy is uniquely qualified to expand the successes of the Inner Harbor to our surrounding communities and beyond,” said Dixon.

Salima Siler Marriott, currently serves the City of Baltimore representing the 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in the Maryland House of Delegates. With a body of professional experiences extending over 40 years, Marriott has combined teaching, social work, community activism, legislative work, shaping public policy, and national/international advocacy into a unified leadership agenda for community and social development. Delegate Marriott, who will be ending her 16-year career in Annapolis in January, served as Chair of the Baltimore City Delegation since 1999. She has also been Chair of the House Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families as well as Chair of the Ways and Means Children and Youth Sub-committee since 2003. Delegate Marriott has also held leadership positions with the National Black Women's Project, the National Rainbow Coalition and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

“Delegate Marriott has been a champion for Baltimore City, particularly Baltimore's children and families, for the almost 50 years. Her holistic approach combined with her community involvement will provide Baltimore with progressive solutions to many of our social ills,” commented Dixon.

By aligning all operational functions of the Mayor's Office and city government under the chief of staff, assigning Neighborhood and Economic Development under one deputy mayor and Community and Human Development under the other deputy mayor, Mayor-designee Dixon's objective is to create a structure that will best facilitate the implementation of the priorities and initiatives of her administration.

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